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For: ***"ESTABLISHMENT OF CELL LINES WITH PERSISTENT EXPRESSION
OF A GREEN FLUORESCENT PROTEIN (GFP) USING A pIRES/EGFP
DNA VECTOR CONSTRUCT"***

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COPY**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, We, Hellen Fillmore, William C. Broadus, John S. Shurm, Jr. and George T. Gillies, have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled ESTABLISHMENT OF CELL LINES WITH PERSISTENT EXPRESSION OF A GREEN FLOURESCENT PROTEIN (GFP) USING A pIRES/EGFP dna vector construct for which a United States Letters Patent Application was filed on MAY 8, 2001 and has been assigned Serial No: 09/850,199; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Commonwealth University, a corporate instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereinafter referred to as UNIVERSITY, is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the invention was made using facilities and resources controlled by the UNIVERSITY; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Commonwealth University's Intellectual Properties Policy, which applies to us as an employee of Virginia Commonwealth University pursuant to Section 23-4.3.8 of the CODE OF VIRGINIA, provides among other things, that inventions made using facilities and resources controlled by the UNIVERSITY become the property of the UNIVERSITY and that UNIVERSITY employees-inventors are obligated to assign their rights in the invention and any patent application(s) and any patent(s) issued thereon to the UNIVERSITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we agree to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said UNIVERSITY the entire right, title, and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its possessions and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said invention (whether patentable or not), of any country, which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof, or any divisional, substitute, continuation-in-whole- or in part, renewal, reissue or other patent application based thereon, and based upon said invention, together with the right of said UNIVERSITY to apply for such patent in its own name in all countries of the world where such is permissible by law, and the right to claim the benefit of the priority right provided by the International convention of 1883, as amended to date, and any such priority right;

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AND WE hereby agree for myself, and for my heirs, executors and

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Executed this 8th day of August, 2001.

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Hellen Fillmore
Helen #

Executed this 13th day of August, 2001.

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